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Examiner Summons,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

1. Amendment;
2. Amendment Transmittal; and
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<b>Applicant:</b> Norio TANIGUCHI	<b>Art Unit:</b> 2817
<b>Serial No.:</b> 10/735,744	<b>Examiner:</b> B. Summons
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<b>Title:</b> LADDER FILTER, BRANCHING FILTER, AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS	

**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.


- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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